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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 - 21 as follows.

1. (Amended) A digital portable communications device for communication via a communications network, said device further having circuitry for exchanging video signals between the device and an external video apparatus, characterized in that said circuitry for exchanging video signals is arranged to exchange the video signals in the form of analog video signals.

2. (Amended) A communications device according to claim 1, characterized in that said circuitry for exchanging video signals comprises digital-to-analog conversion means arranged to provide an analog video output signal for transmission to said external video apparatus.

3. (Amended) A communications device according to claim 1, characterized in that said circuitry for exchanging video signals comprises means for receiving an analog video input signal from said external video apparatus, and analog-to-digital conversion means for converting the received analog video input signal into a digital video signal.

4. (Amended) A communications device according to claim 1, characterized in that the device further comprises memory for the storage of digital video signals.

5. (Amended) A communications device according to claim 1, characterized in that said circuitry for exchanging video signals is arranged to exchange the analog video signals in a standard television signal format, such as NTSC or PAL.

6. (Amended) A communications device according to claim 1, characterized in that said circuitry for exchanging video signals is arranged to exchange the analog video signals in an RGB format.

7. (Amended) A communications device according to claim 1, characterized in that said circuitry for exchanging video signals is arranged to exchange the analog video signals via an interface connector on the device.

8. (Amended) A communications device according to claim 1, characterized in that the device is a mobile telephone.

9. (Amended) A communications device according to claim 1, characterized in that the device is a device having a Bluetooth interface.

10. (Amended) A method of exchanging video signals between an external video apparatus and a digital portable communications device for communication via a communications network, characterized in that said video signals are exchanged in the form of analog video signals.

11. (Amended) A method according to claim 10, characterized in that digital video signals are converted into analog video signals in the digital portable communications device and then transmitted as analog video output signals from the portable communications device to the external video apparatus.

12. (Amended) A method according to claim 11, characterized in that the digital video signals to be converted are read from a memory in the portable communications device.

13. (Amended) A method according to claim 12, characterized in that the digital video signals read from a memory are also presented on a display on the portable communications device.

14. (Amended) A method according to claim 11, characterized in that the digital video signals to be converted are received by the portable communications device via said communications network.

15. (Amended) A method according to claim 10, characterized in that said analog video signals are transmitted from the external video apparatus to the portable communications device in which the analog video signals are converted into digital video signals.

16. (Amended) A method according to claim 15, characterized in that said digital video signals are stored in a memory in the portable communications device.

17. (Amended) A method according to claim 15, characterized in that said digital video signals are transmitted by the portable communications device to said communications network.

18. (Amended) A method according to claim 10, characterized in that said analog video signals are exchanged in a standard television signal format, such as NTSC or PAL.

19. (Amended) A method according to claim 10, characterized in that said analog video signals are exchanged in an RGB format.

20. (Amended) A method according to claim 10, characterized in that said analog video signals are exchanged via an interface connector on the digital portable communications device.

21. (Amended) A method according to claim 10, characterized in that the digital portable communications device is a mobile telephone.

REMARKS

The claims of the originally-filed application were drafted in accordance with a foreign patent practice. The claims are hereby amended merely to present an initial set of claims for examination that conform to U.S. patent practice.

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Marked-up Claims 1 - 21

1. (Amended) A digital portable communications device [(1)] for communication via a communications network [(28)], said device further having circuitry for exchanging video signals between the device and an external video apparatus [(25; 31)], characterized in that said circuitry [(15, 16, 17, 18; 21, 22)] for exchanging video signals is arranged to exchange the video signals in the form of analog video signals.

2. (Amended) A communications device according to claim 1, characterized in that said circuitry for exchanging video signals comprises digital-to-analog conversion means [(15)] arranged to provide an analog video output signal for transmission to said external video apparatus [(25)].

3. (Amended) A communications device according to claim 1[or 2], characterized in that said circuitry for exchanging video signals comprises means [(17; 22)] for receiving an analog video input signal from said external video apparatus [(31)], and analog-to-digital conversion means [(18)] for converting the received analog video input signal into a digital video signal.

4. (Amended) A communications device according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, characterized in that the device further comprises memory [(13)] for the storage of digital video signals.

5. (Amended) A communications device according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, characterized in that said circuitry for exchanging video signals is arranged to exchange the analog video signals in a standard television signal format, such as NTSC or PAL.

6. (Amended) A communications device according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, characterized in that said circuitry for exchanging video signals is arranged to exchange the analog video signals in an RGB format.

7. (Amended) A communications device according to [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, characterized in that said circuitry for exchanging video signals is arranged to exchange the analog video signals via an interface connector [(8)] on the device.

8. (Amended) A communications device according to [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1, characterized in that the device is a mobile telephone [(1)].

9. (Amended) A communications device according to [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1, characterized in that the device is a device having a Bluetooth interface.

10. (Amended) A method of exchanging video signals between an external video apparatus [(25; 31)] and a digital portable communications device [(1)] for communication via a communications network [(28)], characterized in that said video signals are exchanged in the form of analog video signals.

11. (Amended) A method according to claim 10, characterized in that digital video signals are converted into analog video signals in the digital portable communications device and then transmitted as analog video output signals from the portable communications device [(1)] to the external video apparatus [(25)].

12. (Amended) A method according to claim 11, characterized in that the digital video signals to be converted are read from a memory in the portable communications device [(1)].

13. (Amended) A method according to claim 12, characterized in that the digital video signals read from a memory are also presented on a display [(12)] on the portable communications device [(1)].

14. (Amended) A method according to claim 11, characterized in that the digital video signals to be converted are received by the portable communications device [(1)] via said communications network [(28)].

15. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 10 to 14] claim 10, characterized in that said analog video signals are transmitted from the external video apparatus [(31)] to the portable communications device [(1)] in which the analog video signals are converted into digital video signals.

16. (Amended) A method according to claim 15, characterized in that said digital video signals are stored in a memory [(13)] in the portable communications device [(1)].

17. (Amended) A method according to claim 15, characterized in that said digital video signals are transmitted by the portable communications device [(1)] to said communications network [(28)].

18. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 10 to 17] claim 10, characterized in that said analog video signals are exchanged in a standard television signal format, such as NTSC or PAL.

19. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 10 to 17] claim 10, characterized in that said analog video signals are exchanged in an RGB format.

20. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 10 to 19] claim 10, characterized in that said analog video signals are exchanged via an interface connector [(8)] on the digital portable communications device.

21. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 10 to 20] claim 10,
characterized in that the digital portable communications device is a mobile telephone [(1)].